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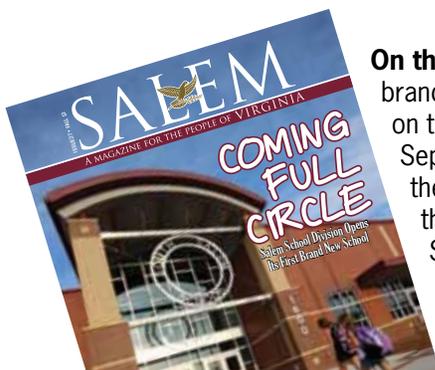


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On the cover Students enter the brand new South Salem School on the first day of school on September 3. The building is the first new school built since the formation of the Salem School Division in 1983.



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FRIDAY - NOV. 29 - ROUTE COLLECTED TUESDAY (11/26)
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY ROUTES UNCHANGED

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TUESDAY - DEC. 24 - ROUTE COLLECTED MONDAY (12/23)
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KEVIN'S CORNER

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A lot of old-timers here in Salem like to call Salem High School the “new school” even though it has been up and running since 1977. It has been an extremely functional building for decades, but by no means is it still new.

That distinction now belongs to South Salem School. Thanks to an extremely dedicated group of builders, this showplace on the hill was ready for the opening day of school, despite an incredibly tight construction window and months filled with record precipitation.

All of us in Salem have a new school to brag about and one that all of us can be extremely proud of for a number of reasons. For starters, the entire community took on the challenge of building this school during a recession, and as a result, we saved a lot of valuable money.

The effects of the recession continue to be felt in Salem, but economists will tell you there is always money to be made and saved in bad times. The construction costs of South Salem School ended up being \$164.67 per square foot. In 2006, that same figure was almost \$16 more per square foot. Multiply that times the 88,000 square feet that make up the new school and you can see why moving ahead with construction was such a fiscally responsible decision.

The \$1.3 million that was saved because construction costs were low and the competition for projects was high is a substantial amount. In addition, interest rates were at their lowest when this project began and we estimate we saved over \$1.5 million in interest charged on the bonds that were secured to pay for the project.

Also, by paying for all of the furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology up front, City Council and the School Board saved Salem’s citizens another \$772,000 in interest. In all, nearly \$4 million in savings will be realized by being willing to break ground in the middle of the recession.

I also need to thank the citizens and our restaurateurs for embracing a meals tax increase when the economy was in a tailspin and most predicted people would be eating out less. After City Council boldly suggested this idea both sides of the plate have made it possible for the debt service on this school construction loan to be covered by revenue that is generated by this tax increase.

Finally, the community has built this school and now the community will get to use it. South Salem School was built to be more than just a building for learning. From the beginning of this project, the School Division’s leadership members stated that their intent was for this school to be for the whole community. The oversized gym will be a great benefit for Parks and Recreation, as will the new playing field in front of the school. There will be ample parking for sporting events and restrooms that will be accessible during non-school hours.

The back of the school also features a walking trail for citizens. It’s an added feature that only seems appropriate since all of us had to walk this path together to make this school a reality.



First morning of school



Finishing the new gymnasium



Paved walking trail behind the school



School Board Chair David Preston and Mayor Randy Foley

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NEWSMAKERS



Unparalleled Growth

When Governor Bob McDonnell decided to use the Andrew Lewis Middle School library as the backdrop for an historic announcement regarding a cutting edge education initiative, most in Salem were honored. When he used that platform to give Salem's teachers an \$850,000 grant for strategic compensation those same people also were extremely humbled.

Salem Schools Superintendent, Dr. Alan Seibert, said it best when he used the words "wow" and "thank you" in close proximity to sum up the thoughts of everyone in the room.

"We were thinking that we were getting a grant, but to find out that the full request of \$850,000 has been awarded in recognition of the innovative work of our terrific teachers is just wow and absolutely wonderful," says Seibert.

In 2001, Salem teachers, under the leadership of Dr. Seibert and current West Salem assistant principal, Amanda Gibson, began a project called The Growth Project. Seventeen different compensation models were studied by Salem teachers, who also spent hundreds of hours working on better ways to evaluate teachers and most of all, measure and report student growth.

"Strategic compensation is a small part of a much bigger piece and you have to have the bigger pieces to get there," says Seibert. "The great work our teachers have done has really been in assessment."

The Governor awarded a total of \$4.5 million dollars to 13 school divisions during his August 16 news conference in Salem.



Gov. Bob McDonnell, Amanda Gibson and Dr. Alan Seibert

Salem received the largest award which will be used to benefit the divisions' 302 teachers with bonuses.

"I do want to thank all of the teachers in the division," says Governor Bob McDonnell. "I am told that there were more than 100 teachers who were part of this initiative and that they dedicated 3,000 hours of work to come up with this model."

The grant is earmarked for the current 2013-14 school year and, according to the Governor, will do a lot of good for a lot of kids for a long time.

"This community has for generations placed a value on its children, and the families that it attracts value children," he says. "We have a quality of life cycle here in Salem."



Green Awards make a splash



Salem Museum - Excellence in Renovation and Energy Efficiency

The winners of the 2013 “Pride in Salem Green Awards” were announced this summer and three very diverse Salem businesses captured the top honors.

Online balloting encouraged both Salem residents and those living outside of the city to vote in three different categories - Landscape and Beautification, Renovation and Energy Efficiency and Recycle, Reuse and Repurpose. A total of 12 Salem-based entities competed for the top three



awards which were won by **Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem Museum and Joe’s Deli.**

Sherwood took the top honor in the Landscape and Beautification category for work with its cremation garden. The Salem Museum won for its outstanding LEED Certified expansion in the Renovation and Energy Efficiency category. Joe’s Deli won in the Recycle, Reuse and Repurpose category for its creative renovation of a vacant retail space on Roanoke Boulevard near downtown.



Sherwood Memorial Park - Excellence in Landscape and Beautification



Joe’s Deli - Excellence in Reducing and Reusing of Resources



Sheriff's Office gets state seal of approval



Sgt. April Staton, Gary Dillon, Director of the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Center at the Dept. of Criminal Justice Services, Major David Rorer and Sheriff Eric Atkins

For the second time in four years the Salem Sheriff's Office has earned perfect marks for its operation. Under the leadership and guidance of **Sheriff Eric Atkins** and **Major David Rorer**, the employees of the office have achieved perfect re-accreditation scores in back-to-back examinations by reaching 100 percent compliance with Commission standards.

"I don't believe any agency goes into an assessment expecting a perfect score, so to have two in a row is remarkable, and very rare in the realm of accreditation," say Sheriff Atkins. "This is a real tribute to our staff, our accreditation team, and to our city as a whole."

The protocol of standards for this detailed assessment process

is comprised of over 700 mandatory practices that address administrative, operational, personnel and training functions of an agency. Traffic stops, use of force, courtroom security management and hiring practices are just a sampling of the standards that are addressed.

The Salem Sheriff's Office was initially accredited in 2005 and subsequently re-accredited in 2009 and most recently in March of this year. Major Rorer has served as manager of the accreditation process for the Salem Sheriff's Office since 2008. Currently, the Salem Sheriff's Office is one of just 88 out of roughly 400 law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth to have achieved this status.

One big pile of savings

When high winds ripped through Salem on the afternoon of June 13, the city's Street and Maintenance Department found itself in a brush collection dilemma for the second time in as many summers. Much like the now infamous Derecho that slashed the city in June 2012, this year's storm left trees splintered and limbs scattered throughout Salem.

"If the budget wasn't what it is, we could have attacked the cleanup harder by working crews 10-hour days and on weekends, but once we had the streets clear this was really just an inconvenience. Our employees really have done a great job getting it up as quickly as they have," says **Mike Tyler**, Salem's Director of Streets and Maintenance.

Most folks usually only focus on the limbs that fall in their own yards, so it's hard to fathom that city crews collected 3,000 tons of debris inside the city limits from that one storm. In fact, the brush pile on Indiana Street ended up being 20 feet tall and large enough



Museum's WWII ship flag is endangered artifact

A rare ship's flag from World War II in the collection of the Salem Museum received statewide recognition as one of Virginia's "Most Endangered Artifacts." The flag of the Army troop transport George W. Goethals finished eighth of sixteen in a state-wide vote for a special "Top 10" recognition.

The ship's flag from the WWII troop transport USAT General George W. Goethals, along with several other items associated with the vessel, was donated to the Salem Museum many years ago by the widow of an officer who served aboard the ship.

"We discovered, among other interesting data, that the George W. Goethals was not a naval vessel," noted Salem Museum director **John Long**, who also teaches WWII history at nearby Roanoke College. "It was a ship of the United States Army. It is a little known fact that the US Army operated more ships in WWII than the navy did."

The flag was aboard ship during Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, more commonly known as the D-Day invasion.

"The Goethals served in that campaign by bringing elements of the 2nd Infantry Division to Omaha Beach on June 7, the second day of the fight," Long said.

The flag features the logo of the US Army Transportation Corps, a multifaceted emblem representing all elements of transportation offered by the unit. A ship's wheel is easily seen, representing maritime transport, followed by a shield representing the highway markers of the day. Finally, a train wheel with wings stands for rail and air transport.



to cover over half of a football field.

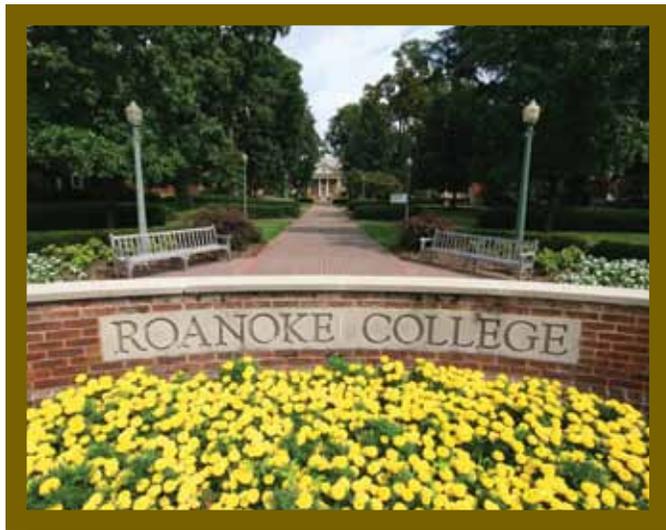
Moving 12,500 cubic yards of tree limbs to the Amelia County landfill through our transfer station would have cost taxpayers \$50 a ton, or \$150,000. So, Solid Waste Director **Jim Fender** and Tyler thought there might be a better way to dispose of it.

"The transfer station was taking on a large amount of brush right after the storm, so we decided to stack it at the Streets Department and come up with a different plan," says Tyler. "We were able to pull out some of the bigger pieces of wood for Project WARM to use this coming winter, but we were still left with tons and tons of debris."

That's when the city came across a VDOT approved contractor who specializes in shredding debris. His 800 horsepower industrial strength grinder needed two weeks to reduce the massive pile into what is called "hot mulch" - chippings that contain plenty of wood, but also poison ivy and other debris.

The contractor shredded the 3,000 tons, hauled away the mountain of mulch and did it all at a cost of just \$25,000 – a savings of \$125,000 to the city and the taxpayers.





Roanoke College again named a best college

For the third consecutive year, The Princeton Review has named Roanoke College one of the best colleges in the United States.



Roanoke is one of 378 colleges and universities listed in the 2014 edition of "The Best 378 Colleges." This annual publication, released Aug. 6, is The Princeton Review's flagship college guide. It includes detailed profiles of schools, with enrollment and admission statistics, rankings of top 20 schools in 62 categories and

survey results from 126,000 students who attend the colleges.

Also, for the third year, The Princeton Review lists Roanoke among the nation's great school for students who major in business/finance, computer science/computer engineering and psychology.

Students surveyed for this guidebook describe Roanoke as "an amazing school that has given me the opportunity to challenge myself and to experience things in school and in the community that I would not have gotten anywhere else."

"We're pleased the Princeton Review has recognized the impact possible by Roanoke's innovative educational program," says Roanoke President **Michael C. Maxey**.

Other survey results highlight the College's "great" library and career services as well as "professors who are very lively and passionate about the subjects they teach."

About 15 percent of 2,500 four-year colleges in the United States and four institutions outside the country are profiled in the guidebook.

Chairman of the Board

For the first time since 1999, the City of Salem has a new School Board Chairman. At July's annual reorganizational meeting, the current members of the school board unanimously appointed **David Preston** as the new chairman and **Michael Chiglinsky** as the board's new vice-chairman. Preston replaces **Sally Southard**, who is retiring from the school board when her current term expires in December. Southard has been the chair of the Salem School Board since 1999 and a board member since 1996.



Preston

"We will celebrate 30 years as a school division this fall and Sally has been a school board member for more than half of that time," says Superintendent, **Alan Seibert**. "Sally is an amazing community servant who has been a consistently well-reasoned, intelligent, articulate leader who has always put the needs of students first because she has never had a personal agenda."

"When I came on board the renovation of G.W. Carver was just being completed, now the young kindergarten students are learning on laptops and iPads, so a lot has happened in that span of time," says Southard. "It's time for some new blood, some fresh ideas and members who still have kids in the school division."

Southard, who made the motion to elect Preston as her replacement, has been assisting in the transition of the new leadership team, while serving out the final few months of her unparalleled tenure on the school board.

"It is an honor to serve both on the board and now as chairman," says Preston. "Sally set the bar high in leadership and professionalism and I am excited to see us continue her great work with our children in Salem."

Preston, who is the president and CEO of Country Cookin restaurants throughout of the state, has been a board member since May of 2008, when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of **Jim Chisom**. He has been vice-chairman of the board since July 2011. He and his wife, Kim, have a son who attends Salem High School.

Chiglinsky is a clinical psychologist, who is now serving his second term on the board. He and his wife, Joanne, are longtime Salem residents and all three of their children are graduates of the Salem School Division.



King Kong rocks with deaf dogs

The most successful adoption in the history of the Salem Animal Shelter, Nitro the amazing deaf dog, continues to reap benefits and create awareness for the shelter and the city.

This summer Nitro and his owners, **Chris and Christina Lee**, were featured in both Dog Fancy magazine and USA Today's summer pet guide. In addition, Nitro's story and the

mission of the Lee's incredible website, DeafDogsRock.com, inspired the folks who make Kong Premium Dog Treats and Kong pet toys worldwide to make a donation in Nitro's honor.

Ten different shelters or rescue organizations, including our own Salem Animal Shelter, have benefitted from the Lee's tireless work on behalf of deaf dog adoptions by receiving a healthy

helping of Kong treats.

"We appreciate all donations, but when it comes from a dog that we rescued, it truly makes us appreciate the meaning behind our efforts to promote adoptions," says **Rebecca Custer**, Salem Animal Shelter Manager. "It's been very gratifying to see firsthand what a huge difference this one dog has made for so many."



Bringing Salem to "Pure Michigan"

John Shaner, Salem's Director of Parks and Recreation, spent a day in Michigan this summer explaining to folks how a city the size of Salem is able to attract big-time national events.

Pure Michigan Sports works in conjunction with the state's Travel Michigan initiative to bring top-notch events to various parts of the state. However, there is often a disconnect because some of the sports commissions who sell Michigan and secure these events have little to do with their execution.

"They asked me to come up and explain to them why we have been successful," he says. "They really wanted some ideas on how they could bring their sports commissions together

with their local colleges and parks and recreation departments, so they could work as one on the same page."

Salem's advantage often is that the same people who secure the events also work to see them through to their completion. Shaner and others have "skin in the game" from the time they place a bid until the last team pulls out of town.

"I explained to them that it didn't happen overnight and that establishing the reputation we have has taken a lot of bumps and bruises," he says. "We try to never bid on anything that we don't believe in because in the end we're the ones who have to make it work."



Police forces unite for Special Olympics

The men and women of the Salem Police Department joined forces with Virginia State Police on two different occasions this summer to show their support for Special Olympics.

In June, representatives of the two organizations gathered at Longwood Park to literally carry the torch for the organization down East Main Street to Roanoke Salem Plaza, as they completed their leg of the annual torch run that eventually culminates in Richmond each year at the state games for Special Olympics athletes.



Special Olympics

“We have been involved in the torch run to raise awareness and funds for over 25 years,” says **Jeff Dudley**, Salem Police Chief. “Law Enforcement in Virginia has a special partnership with Special Olympics, and in Salem we are proud to be a part of the effort to support these athletes.”

That support took on a creative twist in August in a promotion for Special

Olympics called “Cover The Cruisers.” With Chick-fil-A serving as a corporate sponsor, patrons of the restaurant and many driving down Main Street were encouraged to change the look of two police cars with their donations.

“It’s great to partner with our friends at the State Police to raise funds to help these young men and women compete in the Olympic Games,” says Dudley. “The ‘Cover The Cruiser’ event was something new we wanted to try, and we greatly appreciate all of the support Chick-fil-A gave us by hosting the event.”



Salem receives lofty ranking



When the consumer group NerdWallet, which is dedicated to saving people money, came out with its Top 10 list of best cities for young families in the Commonwealth, Salem landed near the top in the number four spot.

The group looked at Salem's financial stability, prosperity and affordable cost of living. However, another big factor in determining this lofty ranking was Salem's high achieving and highly respected public school division.

"Salem has for generations been a community that values young people and looks after its children. Having that as a value set attracts other young families," says **Alan Seibert**, Salem Schools Superintendent.

Glen Allen, Vienna and Fairfax were ranked ahead of Salem and the majority of the other Top 10 members also are in either the

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We do the homework for you.

Richmond or Northern Virginia areas. Bon Air was fifth on the list followed by Burke, Mechanicsville, Oakton, McLean and the lone eastern shore entry, Chesapeake.

"One of the more exciting parts of the recognition is the fact that we are the only community outside of Virginia's golden crescent that was on the list," say **Randy Foley**, Salem Mayor.

The article listed Salem's median home value at \$166,200 and the city's median household income at \$48,050.



Regional Home Run

National softball tournament makes an impact on the diamond and the valley.

BY MIKE STEVENS

The City of Salem successfully played host to more than 1,500 teenage girls this summer and amazingly did so with little drama and even less rain.

All of these young women were in town to compete in one of the most prestigious softball tournaments in the country, the American Softball Association/USA Girls 18-and-under Class "A" Fast Pitch National Championship.

Fittingly, it's a big name for a big week of softball. In all, 89 teams from 27 states spent eight days on diamonds in the greater Roanoke Valley playing and practicing in Salem, Botetourt County, Roanoke County and Roanoke City.

"We had several contingency plans for rain based on the kind of year we've had, but we only had to delay play by one hour on one day," says John Shaner, Salem's Parks and Recreation Director and the tournament's director. "Heaven's to Betsy, it was absolutely unbelievable that Mother Nature was that kind to us."

The lack of rain was amazing, but no more so than the cooperation that was exhibited between the neighboring localities to pull off an event of this magnitude.

"We have four Parks and Rec. departments and four directors

who are all on the same page when it comes to making these events successful," he says. "No one is worried about being shortchanged and that unselfish attitude shows that we're truly all together in the Roanoke Valley."

Actually, the geographic area that benefited from the week of softball blanketed more than just the valley. Participants and spectators spent a combined 7,000 nights in hotels stretching from Blacksburg to Smith Mountain Lake. Plus, they ate in restaurants, shopped at the malls, bought groceries, purchased gas and consumed a whole lot of Gatorade.

"It's not just one area benefitting," says Shaner. "Grocery stores and convenience stores throughout the region all got some extra business that week."

Next July, Salem and the other localities will welcome an even bigger event to town as they host the ASA/USA 16-and-under girls National Championship. In 2012, Montgomery, Alabama had 152 teams play in this same tournament and this summer in California, 138 teams competed.

"We're expecting no less than 130 teams next summer and this will undoubtedly be one of the biggest events we've ever hosted in the Roanoke Valley," he says. "This is what you consider a homerun because every city in the country with first class softball facilities wants to host a tournament of this caliber." 



In all, 89 softball teams from 27 states made the trip to the national tournament.



Opening ceremonies were held on Lewis-Gale Field.



Teams from all over the country congregated for the 8-day event.

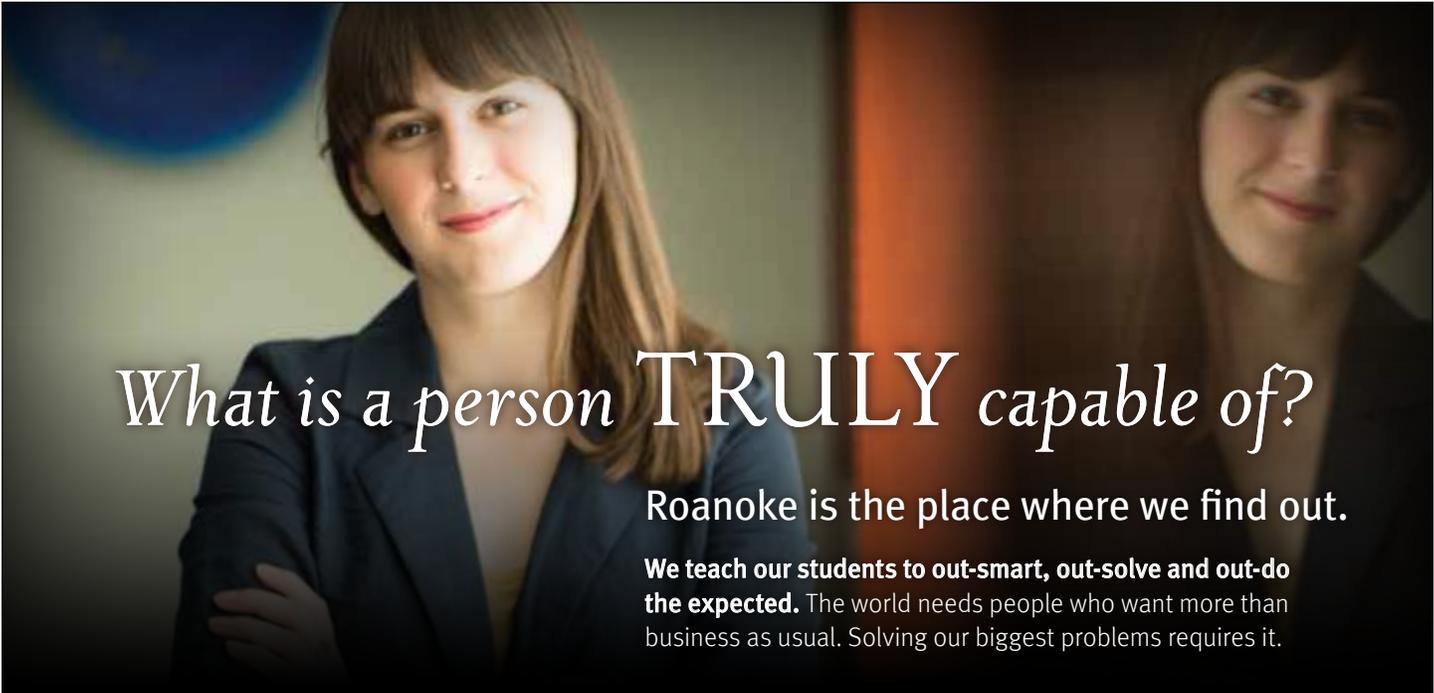


Teams from 27 different states made the trip to Salem.



Next summer, 130 teams are expected to play in an under-16 tournament.





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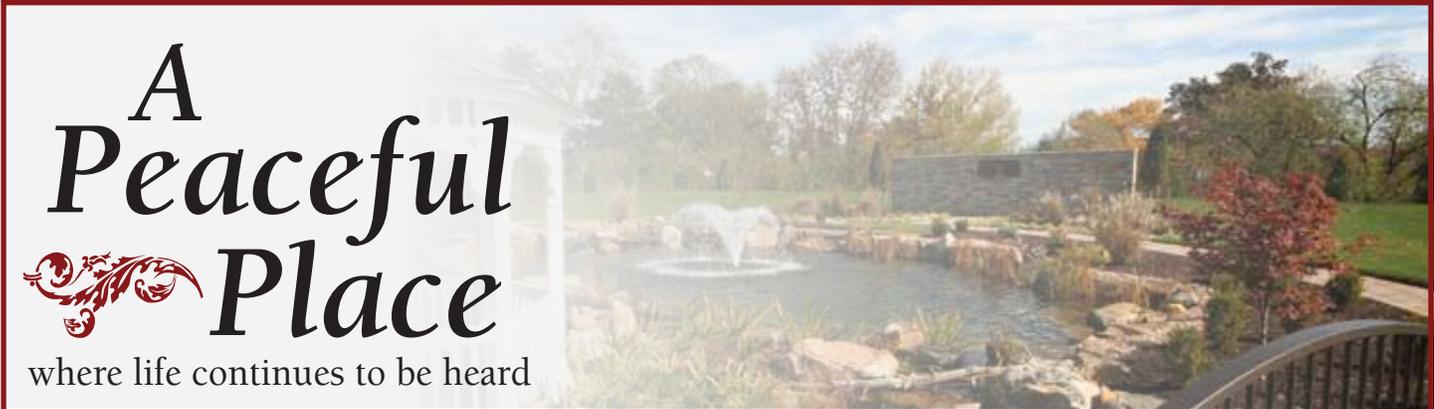
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Music Festival



**JIMI WESTBROOK AND KIMBERLY ROADS
OF LITTLE BIG TOWN**



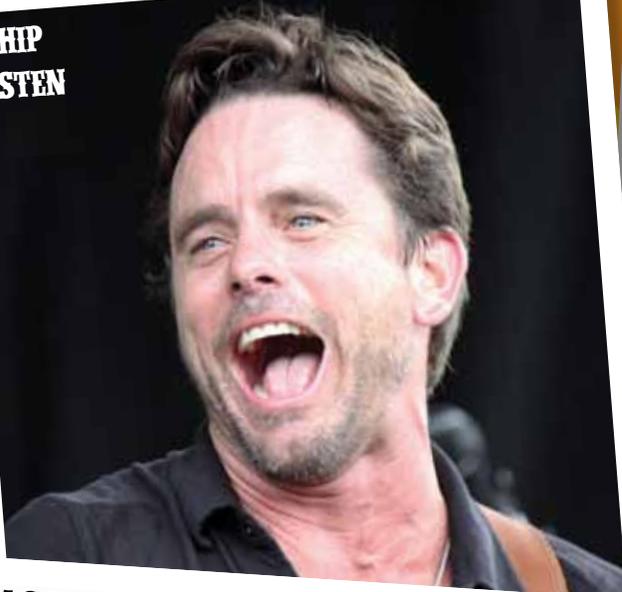
**KAREN FAIRCHILD OF
LITTLE BIG TOWN**



**PHILLIP SWEET OF
LITTLE BIG TOWN**

Take nine talented musical acts, mix them up with a sunny day and you've got a recipe for success. Salem's Blue Ridge Music Festival on June 1 at Salem Stadium attracted 10,925 fans that were anxious to enjoy some of the top performers in country music. Temperatures soared into the 90s that day, but the rain completely stayed away making the 12-hour festival a huge hit for all involved.

**CHIP
ESTEN**



**SALEM STADIUM JUST BEFORE
HUNTER HAYES TAKES THE STAGE**



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10,925 FANS PACKED SALEM STADIUM



**DANNY BEIRNE FROM
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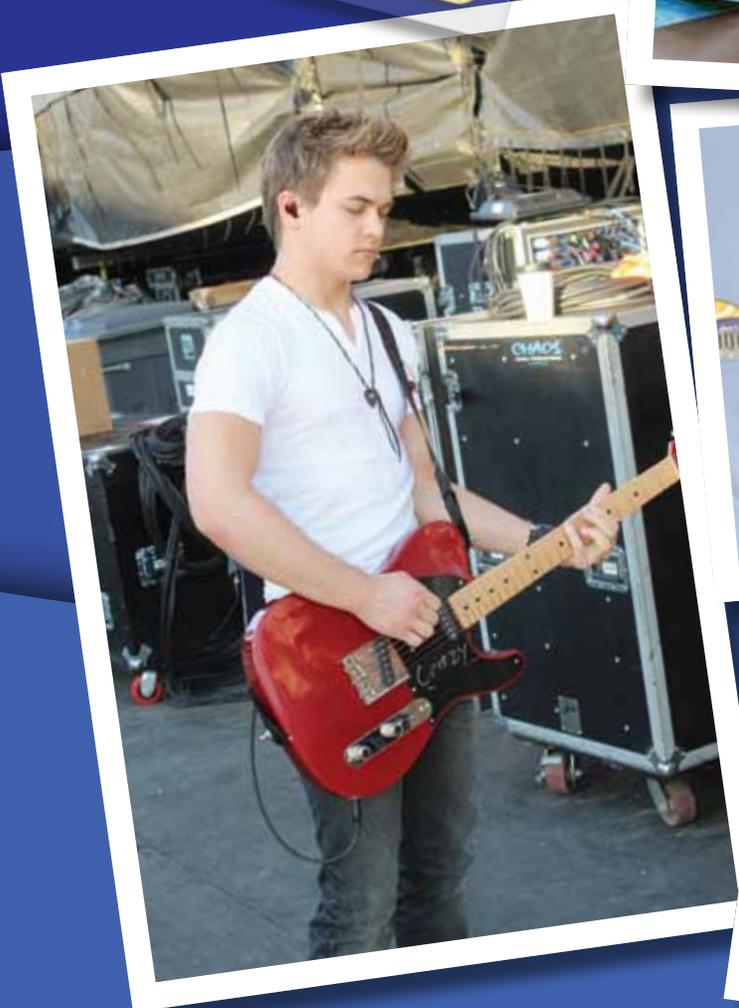
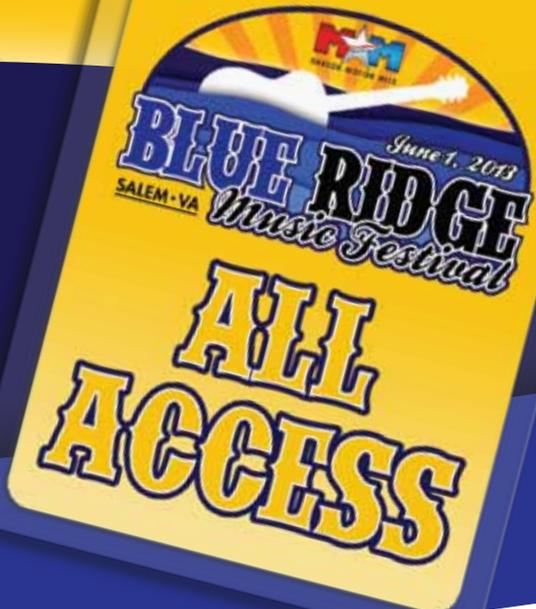


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SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCE

Lost in all of the excitement of the Blue Ridge Music Festival was the fact that Little Big Town almost didn't get to perform. The band members spent most of the day in Salem with their families and were dressed and all set to step on stage when they were told that one of the spotlights wasn't working due to a faulty distribution box.

"Little Big Town's manager wouldn't allow the group to go on stage without all four spotlights working properly," says John Saunders, Salem's Assistant Director of Civic Facilities. "The night before they had a similar problem in Virginia Beach and performed with just three spotlights and that's not what you want for a four member group."

So, right after Hunter Hayes left the stage and the problem was discovered, Tim Coleman, the Building Engineer for the Taliaferro Complex was urgently called to report to the middle of the field where the sound and lighting boards were located. Coleman diagnosed the problem, but needed a new distribution box to fix it. Fortunately, he had one on the premises, but it was all the way across the parking lot in the back of the Salem Civic Center.

"We got it out of the Civic Center warehouse, made it back across the parking lot and down onto the field just as it was getting dark," says Saunders. "He rewired the spotlight into the new box and did so with only the light of his iPhone because no one had a flashlight."

The power had to be disconnected to the entire area while the repair was being made, so some of the vendors on the field, including those at the t-shirt tent, lost power to their cash registers and credit card machines. Other than that small inconvenience, no one had a clue the show was in jeopardy.

"Honestly, no one in the crowd even knew there was a problem, but you can only imagine the chaos we would have had if we'd had to delay the headliner or worse yet tell the crowd that Little Big Town wasn't going to play," he says. "Our people did an amazing job all day making sure the fans and the performers were taken care of on a number of fronts." 🐦



SALEM CIVIC CENTER ENGINEER TIM COLEMAN



LITTLE BIG TOWN'S SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCE




at Franklin County
August 30


PATRICK HENRY
September 6


WILLIAM BYRD
September 13


at Northside
September 20


CAVE SPRING
September 27


at Christiansburg
October 11


at Blacksburg
October 18


at Carroll County
October 25


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November 1


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November 8

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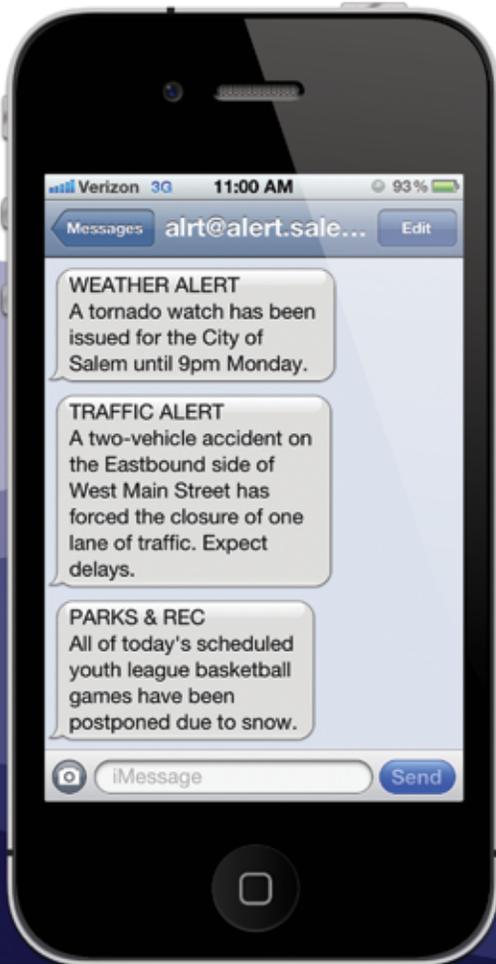
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RIBBONS, RIDES & RAIN

Despite record rain, the 26th Salem Fair still had another banner year in 2013.

BY MIKE STEVENS

The Salem Fair's 12-day run at the Taliaferro Complex opened with rain, but ended with a ray of sunshine as the fair posted unexpected gains in attendance and revenue despite one of the wettest years in the 26 year history of the fair.



"There's no doubt, we had our share of rain, but on the days when the sun was out, fairgoers more than made up for any losses due to wet weather," says

Carey Harvey Cutter, Salem Fair Manager. "In fact, we set records on two different days of the fair this summer."

Saturday, July 6, turned out to be the biggest single day ever at the fair as ride receipts shot up 51 percent over the same day in 2012. In addition, the final day of the fair, proved to be the most successful Sunday in fair history. In all, Harvey Cutter estimates more than 300,000 people toured the fairgrounds this year.

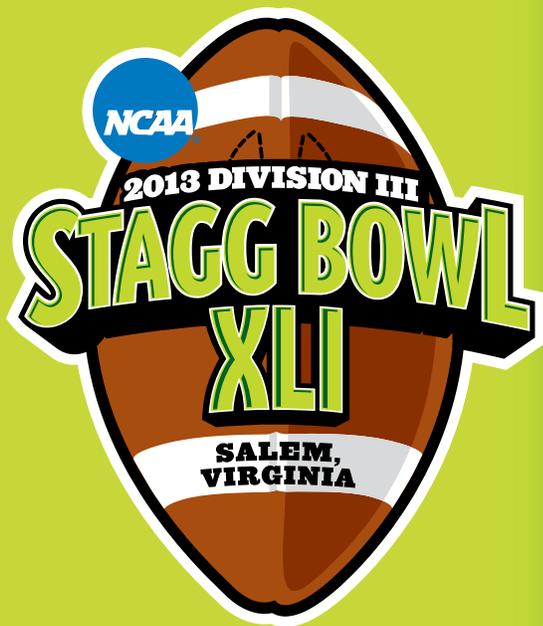
"The rain was a factor on at least five days, but the fairgoers showed us that they would rather get a little wet than deal with the stifling heatwave we had last year," he says. "We can't control the weather, but we can make sure we consistently offer a quality product like Deggeller Attractions. The public appreciates that and we appreciate their support."

Creative arts and horticulture exhibits also showed increases in participation this year thanks to a number of new categories and contests. This year, more than 600 individual exhibitors put their produce, baked goods and crafts on display and took home ribbons.

In addition, many of the free shows, like the ultra-popular "Kachunga and the Alligator" were packed for most, if not every performance. 







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L TO R: MIKE BRYANT - SALEM SCHOOL DIVISION, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, ALAN SEIBERT - SALEM SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT, MARGARET HUMPHREY - SOUTH SALEM PRINCIPAL, JOHN DORLINI - ARCHITECT RRMM, CHELSEA DYER - ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER FOR G&H CONTRACTING, TOM SPROUL - PROJECT ENGINEER GAY & NEEL ENGINEERING, DONALD GIBSON - JOB SUPERINTENDENT FOR G&H CONTRACTORS

By MIKE STEVENS

The first school ever built in Salem, since the city formed its own school division in 1983, officially opened for business on September 3 - just 14 months after ground was broken on the site.

“In order to tear down the old school, we had to be ready to open this new one, and we’ve done that in 14

months which is very impressive,” says Mike Bryant, Salem School Division Assistant Superintendent, who has overseen the project from start to finish. “We gave them an impossible task and they did it anyway, which really speaks highly of them.”

Bryant is talking about Salem-based G&H

Contracting, which has led the project and managed over 70 sub-contractors and vendors along the way.

"They worked very, very hard including a lot of weekends and seven-day weeks and at times it was very challenging for them," says Bryant.

Perhaps no one faced more of a challenge than the job superintendent for the project. Donald Gibson lives in Rockbridge County, so every day he was on the road an hour each way traveling to and from the construction site. Most days he arrived at 6am and rarely left before 7pm.

"He has really put in a lot of long days and he did so to make this challenge work," says Bryant. "We really appreciate his dedication and the efforts of all the workers who helped us get the school open on time."

If there was anyone who spent as much time on the job site as Bryant and Gibson did, it was South Salem Principal Margaret Humphrey. She documented the construction from the beginning to the end by literally taking thousands of pictures.

"One day I went through four batteries and a couple of memory cards, I took so many," she says.

Often she could be spotted moving seamlessly from the old round school to the new construction site with her fluorescent pink hard hat. In the early stages of construction, she would stand on the foundation with site plans in hand and marvel at how far it was from the music

room and the lunchroom in the 88,000 square foot school.

"To watch it grow was unbelievable and almost like seeing a child grow up," she says. "Adding parts every day and seeing it mature until it was ready for us to move in was really a unique experience."

The attention to detail and design is evident in everything from the amount of natural light that pours into the classrooms to the wide hallways and strategically placed bathroom sinks.

"I am very pleased," says Bryant. "We all know the essence of education is the teacher and the classroom and it was our job to create the best situation we could for them."

While Salem has completed successful award-winning renovations at both Andrew Lewis and G. W. Carver, never had the school division taken on the task of building a school from the ground-up.

"I am so proud to serve in a community where the School Board and City Council members demonstrated visionary leadership and took bold steps to create an opportunity in the midst of the Great Recession," says Dr. Alan Seibert, Salem School Division Superintendent. "South Salem School is a terrific new community resource that will serve children by day and the greater community in the evenings and on weekends. This is truly a community-wide school project completed with significant recession-related cost savings." 🐦

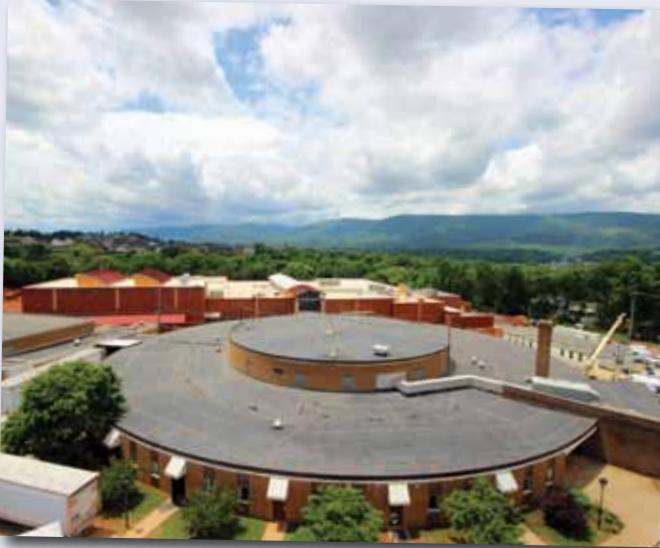
CONSTRUCTION TIME



FROM THE FIRST DAY OF CONSTRUCTION ON APRIL 26, 2012 TO THE OPENING OF SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 - WORKERS SPENT 496 DAYS ON THE PROJECT WHICH IS THE EQUIVALENT OF 11,904 HOURS, 714,240 MINUTES, OR 42,854,400 SECONDS.

SMART Board

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FROM THE TIME CLASSES ENDED IN SALEM ON JUNE 10, IT TOOK DEMOLITION CREWS JUST FIVE WEEKS TO TEAR DOWN THE OLD SOUTH SALEM SCHOOL AND REMOVE ALL OF THE DEBRIS FROM THE SITE. EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO SALVAGE AS MUCH MATERIAL AS POSSIBLE, AND ALL OF THE METAL IN THE BUILDING WAS SEPARATED FROM THE RUBBLE AND HAULED AWAY TO BE RECYCLED.

CONCRETE EVIDENCE



2,864 CUBIC YARDS OF CONCRETE HAVE BEEN POURED AT THE NEW SCHOOL FOR EVERYTHING FROM FOOTERS AND FLOORS TO SIDEWALKS AND STEPS.



WORKERS GALORE

SALEM-BASED G&H CONTRACTING HAS PUT IN OVER 23,000 MAN-HOURS, ALONE, MANAGING THE ENTIRE PROJECT AND KEEPING TRACK OF OVER 70 CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS. MOST OF THESE WERE LOCAL, BUT THEY ALSO CAME FROM OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, ALABAMA, KENTUCKY AND MICHIGAN.



WEATHER SCHOOL

A MIND BOGGLING 66 INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN SALEM AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE FROM APRIL 26, 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 ACCORDING TO THE WEBSITE, WEATHERUNDERGROUND.COM

DESK TOP DILEMMA



When a UPS jet crashed on August 14 just outside of Birmingham, Alabama killing both pilots who were onboard the aircraft, no one back here in Salem thought there would end up being a connection between that accident and the new South Salem School.

Unfortunately, human life wasn't the only thing lost in the crash.

"The laminating process to make the tables and desks that we have in the school requires a special paper that gives the laminate color," says Mike Bryant, Salem Assistant Superintendent. "As it turned out, all of the paper that was to be used with our furniture burned up on the plane that crashed in Alabama."

That meant South Salem was likely to open on time, but without any desks in the classrooms, or tables in the cafeteria.

"The desks that were supposed to be here on August 19 arrived on August 28 and our workers still managed to get them assembled, set-up and in the classrooms on time, so we are very, very pleased with that."

SMART Boards

REPURPOSING THE PAST



THE PARQUET FLOORING FROM THE OLD SCHOOL CAFETERIA WAS REUSED IN CASEWORK IN THE OFFICE AND MEDIA CENTER AND IN THE FEATURE WALL IN THE RECEPTION AREA.

THE CUBBIES AT THE OLD SOUTH SALEM WERE TAKEN TO EAST SALEM ELEMENTARY AND INSTALLED IN THE FIRST GRADE CLASSROOMS, GIVING EACH STUDENT HIS OR HER OWN STORAGE SPACE.



THE ROUND LUNCH TABLES FROM SOUTH WERE TAKEN TO SALEM HIGH SCHOOL WHERE THEY ARE A WELCOME ADDITION IN THE LUNCHROOM.



A LARGE PORTION OF THE CABINETS FROM SOUTH WERE TAKEN TO WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY WHERE THEY WERE USED TO CREATE A MUCH NEEDED WORK ROOM FOR TEACHERS.

THE TWO-STORY, 88,000 SQUARE FOOT SCHOOL WAS BUILT FOR \$17 MILLION. IT INCLUDES A NUMBER OF EYE-CATCHING DESIGN TECHNIQUES THAT TASTEFULLY ACCENT THE SCHOOL'S MANY FUNCTIONAL FEATURES.

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE



ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MIKE BRYANT SUPERVISED THE PROJECT FOR THE SCHOOL DIVISION.



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THE STRIKING CURVED GLASS ENTRANCE TO THE MEDIA CENTER IS FRONT AND CENTER IN THE MAIN HALLWAY.



THE SPACIOUS HALLWAYS GIVE STUDENTS PLENTY OF ROOM TO TRAVEL.



OLD LETTERS FROM THE FORMER SOUTH SALEM FACADE WERE PRESERVED AND REINSTALLED ON THE WALL THAT BUS RIDERS PASS AS THEY ENTER THE SCHOOL.



A NICE EXTERIOR SAFETY FEATURE DESIGN HAS THE DROP-OFF AREA FOR CAR RIDERS COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE BUS PARKING LOT.



THE CLASSROOMS ARE NOT ONLY SPACIOUS, BUT FULL OF WINDOWS THAT FUNNEL IN THE NATURAL LIGHT.



Distinguished Scholars have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or greater through the end of the first semester of their senior year. Salem School Board member Sally Southard presented each Distinguished Scholar with a certificate and a monetary award to be used at the student's discretion. Members of this group also were invited to apply to address the graduating class with the traditional commencement speeches.



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Holly Paige Chaos



William Logan Chisom



Ulernj Enkbold



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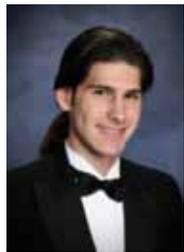
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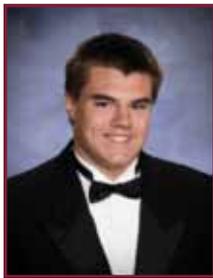
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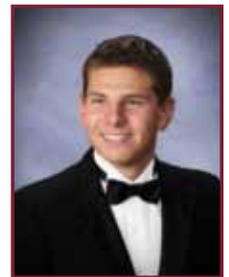
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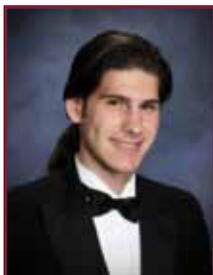
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Matthew Edward Hill

EVENTS

AROUND SALEM



adult programs

BALLROOM DANCING: BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE (ADULT & TEEN)

This class offers a complete introduction to ballroom dancing. The class is perfect for beginners and those looking to polish their ballroom technique. You will learn the techniques necessary for moving with style and grace. No previous dance experience or partner is necessary. Friday evenings.

CHESS (ages 12 – Adult)

This chess group is for all levels of playing strength. One hour instruction.

HANDBUILT CERAMICS

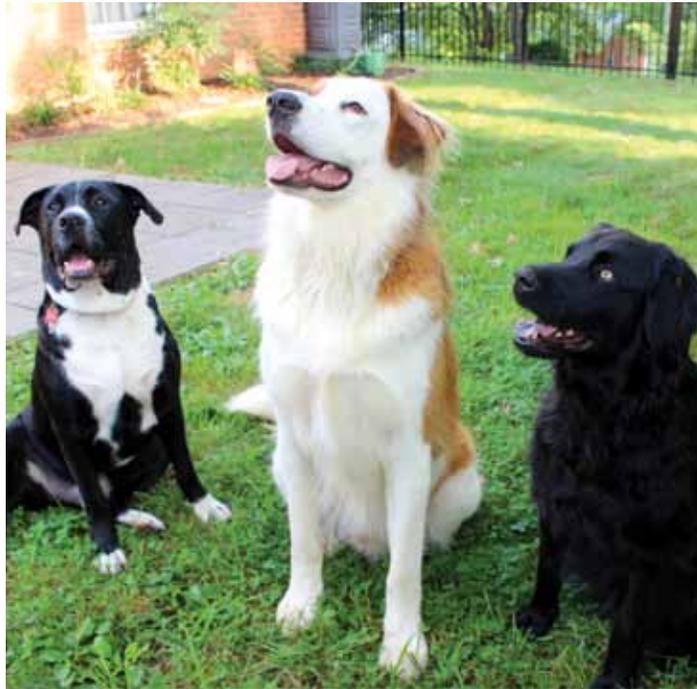
Come stretch your creative muscles as you learn how to form original works of art in clay. The basic skills of hand-built ceramics will be taught through the pinch, coil, and slab methods using low fire clays and glazes. Wednesday evenings.

CERAMICS (INTERMEDIATE)

This class is designed for the student who has prior experience

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FOR COST AND MORE INFORMATION ON ANY CLASSES OFFERED, GO TO SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION WEB SITE AND CLICK ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.



It's a dog's world

DOG OBEDIENCE A six-week course for dogs of any breed and any age. Dogs will learn to heel calmly on leash, react to different commands, and come when called. Saturday mornings.

with ceramics. Painting on resin, dry brushing, and other techniques will be introduced. Monday evenings.

CREATIVE AND FUN CRAFT PROJECTS (ages 12 – 99)

Join Bev for a class filled with different creative projects each week where an assortment of colors, shapes and themes are used. Learn how to make paper gift items that are as personalized as you are and can be a keepsake for you or someone special. Tuesday evenings.

CROCHETING & KNITTING

Learn the basics of crocheting and complete different projects in class. Thursday evenings.

LADIES GOLF SOCIAL HOUR

Learn all aspects of golf; putting, chipping, full swing, bunkers, etc. in an atmosphere of a fun, relaxed, social hour with friends. Instructor is Jen McLaughlin, LPGA Teaching Professional. Classes held at Hanging Rock Golf Course.

health & fitness

TOTAL SCULPTING

Two separate classes. This class is designed to reduce body fat and sculpt muscles through a series of strength training exercises using bands, free weights and more. Classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings.

INTERVAL EXERCISE CLASS (ALL LEVELS)

Interval training can be a very effective way for clients to increase sports performance, lose weight faster and make workouts more enjoyable. Interval training combines short bursts of intense activity, called intervals, with periods of lower intensity, or rest periods. Switching between the two makes your body work harder, burning more calories faster than it would at a steady, moderate pace. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings.

YOGA (BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE)

Three class times offered. Yoga is a great way to increase joint mobility, improve muscle tone and flexibility, and build balance. It improves memory, focus, and attention, as well as promote an overall sense of well-being. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ZUMBA

A dance aerobics workout with pulsating Latin music. Make your exercise fun and join us for this exciting class. Classes are held Wednesday evenings.

youth/teens

GUITAR FOR KIDS (AGES 8 - 12)

Be a real guitar hero! Learn music basics like tuning, tempo, rhythm and dynamics play simplified chord and riff's from guitar tab. Wednesday afternoons.

KNIT AND CROCHET (AGES 8 - 14)

For more info, new class listings and to sign up for these programs, head to www.salemva.gov and click on "Parks & Recreation"

Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches and how to read patterns. Classes Thursdays afternoons

JUNIOR TEEN GOLF CLASS (AGES 13 – 17)

Learn all aspects of golf: putting, chipping, full swing, bunkers, etc., in an atmosphere of a fun, relaxed hour. Classes held at Hanging Rock Golf Course by Jen McLaughlin, Head Teaching Professional. Monday afternoons.

ART – AFTER SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (1st – 5th) or (6th – 8th)

An ongoing adventure in color and style. Explore your creative side in the new Salem Art Center. Everything from drawing to painting will be taught in this easy going creative environment. Monday through Friday after school program.

BATON TWIRLING LESSONS (AGES 4-18)

Students will learn beginner, intermediate and advanced twirls depending on their skill level, as well as parade routines and group performance routines. Twirlers will have the opportunity to perform at the end of the year in an annual recital. Thursday evenings.

KICKFIT (AGES 7 – 17)

This program is a 30 minute cardio and strength training program designed for kids between the ages of 7 and 17. The 6 week class is held one day a week. It's fun and provides the best in martial arts, yoga, and cardio conditioning. Kids will learn cool self-defense techniques and burn calories. A complete nutrition plan is included. There is no better confidence builder. Tuesday evenings.

TENNIS – BEGINNER (AGES 6 – 10)

Contact Scott Gibson at 397-1257 or gibson@roanoke.edu.

**senior center
110 UNION STREET**

MONDAYS

9 am - 12 noon – Bridge
12:30 pm – Senior Mtn. Pickers
12:30 pm – Painting with Phyl (second Monday of the month)
7 - 9 pm – Cole Bluegrass Show (First Monday every month)

TUESDAYS

9 am – Exercise
10 am – Chair Caning and Basket Weaving
10:15 am – Tai-Chi at College Lutheran Church
2 pm – Ballroom dance, the first and third Tuesdays (second and fourth Tuesdays – Tea Dance)

WEDNESDAYS

9 am – Tap dance
10 am - 12 noon – Ceramics
10 am – Needlework
1 pm – Line Dance

THURSDAYS

9 am – Zumba Gold

10 am – Quilting
10 am – Art on your own
11 am – 49er's Plus Club Meeting
12 pm – Cards on your own
12 pm – Monthly Luncheon w/entertainment (last Thur. of month)
12:30 pm – Sr. Singers Practice (first Thurs. w/appts other days)

FRIDAYS

9 am – Exercise
10:15 am – Tai-Chi
10:30 am – Senior Mtn. Pickers
7 - 9 pm – Ballroom Dance

THE BOB ROSS METHOD OF OIL PAINTING CLASSES

with Phyl Fralin are held the second Monday of every month. The picture for the month is on display at the Senior Center. Cost is \$40 and you will need to sign up if you wish to attend.

“49ERS PLUS” CLUB

meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11 am, and eat lunch out on the 2nd week at various restaurants. They also preside at our Monthly Luncheons. This is

a group that meets for fun; they make donations to organizations such as the Salem Rescue Squad and the American Red Cross.

MONTHLY POT LUCK LUNCHEONS

are always a fun well-attended event, with entertainment following the meal. They are held on the last Thursday of each month.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays for class and then in the form of a TEA DANCE the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. 2 to 4 pm. Taped music is provided and there is no fee but each person is asked to bring a snack food to share.

SALEM SENIOR SINGERS

practice on the 1st Thursday at 12:30 pm, and sing on a regular basis for Snyder Nursing Home and other places in the Valley.

SPECIAL TRIPS

These trips are planned for the year such as the Wytheville's Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre, Myrtle Beach, SC, Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center, Charlottesville, VA, and the Barn Dinner Theatre, Greensboro, NC. New trips are added regularly.

SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENTS

are provided through each month. We frequently make outings in our van or bus to local malls, shops and restaurants, or day trips to Winchester, Peaks of Otter, Lynchburg, Charlotte, etc. Other Friday events include bingo, ice cream sundae day, movie day, crafts, parties, etc. *A small fee may apply for some of these events; please call the Senior Center to inquire.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A calendar with news of our activities and outings is distributed at the Monthly Luncheons. Please stop by and pick one up so you can join us at the Senior Center.



Sweet sounds of the Blue Ridge

SENIOR MOUNTAIN PICKERS is an excellent group of stringed instrument musicians who play informally on Mondays at 12:30 pm and Fridays at 10:30 am at the Senior Center. You may join them with an instrument if you play or you may attend as a part of the audience of the 50+ crowd.

special events

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LIGHTING OF THE CITY OF SALEM CHRISTMAS TREE

Friday, December 6th, Salem Farmers Market, 6 pm.

WINTERFEST BEACH BASH

Friday, February 7th, 6 p.m., Salem Civic Center, Come shake off the winter blues with the "Band of Oz"! Look for tickets to go on sale in December. Tickets will be \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Food and drink will be available to purchase. Sponsored by Salem Parks & Recreation, Q-99 FM, and Pepsi.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12th, 1 - 3 p.m., Longwood Park.



Halloween at the Farmers Market

PUMPKINFEST Saturday, October 26th, Salem Farmers Market, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pumpkin give-away, children's activities, carnival games, costume contest, hay rides, and a pumpkin auction. Trick or Treating with the Merchants from 10 – 11 a.m. Sponsored by Salem Parks and Recreation and Q-99-FM. Proceeds to benefit Special Olympics.

SALEM AFTER FIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Fridays, April 25th, May 30th, June 27th, July 25th and August 15th, Salem Farmers

Market, 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by Salem Parks and Recreation and Q-99-FM.

63RD ANNUAL ERNEST

"PIG" ROBERTSON FISHING RODEOS

Lake Spring Park, To register please call (540) 375-3057. **April 26th** Children Ages 3 – 8, 9 a.m. – Noon. **April 28th** Children with Disabilities Day, 10 a.m. - Noon. **April 30th** Nursing Home Patient's Day, 10 a.m. – Noon. **May 3rd** Children ages 9 – 12, 9 a.m. – Noon.

MOVIES AT LONGWOOD

May 25th, June 28th, August 23rd, September 13th, Admission is free. Movie begins at dark!

RELAY FOR LIFE

June 20th - 21st, Salem High School Track.



Santa makes a visit to Salem

YE OLDE SALEM CHRISTMAS Saturday, December 7th, Salem Farmers Market, Salem Library, and Downtown Salem. Kids can get their pictures taken with Santa and listen to a story from Mrs. Claus at the library, enjoy children's activities and mail a Christmas wish-list to Santa! Open houses with Downtown Merchants and vendors on the market.

SALEM



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SEPT. 14TH & 15TH
NSA Play the Valley Showcase
Youth Fast Pitch Softball Tourn.

SEPT. 21ST & 22ND
ASA/USA Heartland College
Fast Pitch Showcase Series

SEPT. 28TH & 29TH
Nations Baseball Fall State
Tournament

OCT. 5TH & 6TH
USSSA Western VA Fall State
Baseball Tournament

OCT. 19TH & 20TH
Nations Baseball Fall Nationals

Salem Kiwanis Baseball Field

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SEPT. 22ND & 23RD
Nations Baseball Fall State
Tournament

youth and adult athletics

YOUTH SPORTS MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of youth recreational athletic leagues is to provide an enjoyable experience

Ways to register for Athletics

- Online – www.salemva.gov
- In Person – Sports Office located at 925 Union Street between the hours of 8:00a-5:00p, Monday through Friday
- By Phone – (540) 375-4094

\$35 Salem Residents, \$85 Tuition Paying Students enrolled in a Salem School. Uniforms are included with paid registration.

for each youth participant, while developing character, skills, sportsmanship and promoting good will among all teams and individuals. Although sports are competitive by nature, the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department's intentions are to place less emphasis on winning, while promoting the building of lifetime physical activity and health for each participant.

GREAT BEGINNINGS WITH ED GREEN & STAFF

Make checks payable to Ed Green, Great Beginnings, and get application online at www.salemva.gov/depts/parks_rec. For more

info, call Ed at 387-9516.

REGISTRATION DATES

Boys Soccer: Jan. 6 - Feb. 7
Baseball: Jan. 6 - Feb. 7
Softball: Jan. 6 - Feb. 7
Boys Soccer: May 12 - June 16
Girls Soccer: May 12 - June 16
Football: May 12 - June 16
Cheerleading: May 12 - June 16

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Girls Softball takes over the Moyer Complex

OCT. 12TH & 13TH ASA JO/Scrapers 18U & 16U College Show Case Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

A LONG TIME AGO

John Long - Salem Museum Executive Director info@salemmuseum.org 389-6760



95 YEARS AGO



When the United States entered the First World War, Salem boys were quick to enlist. The patriotic folks at home supported their sons and brothers in the service in every way, and hoped against hope that all would return safely. But casualties come with war, and it was inevitable that some families would receive the news they so dreaded. Salemite **William Robert Whitescarver** died in France on October 4, 1918, but word did not reach his family in Salem until November 8, just three days before the war would end. The local paper reported that Whitescarver was the first from Salem to die in battle; in fact this initial report was wrong on two counts. At least two Salem soldiers had already died in combat, though word had not yet reached home; and later news would confirm that Whitescarver's death was caused by accidental injuries, sustained when he was pinned beneath a supply truck near the front. He was buried in St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France. Tradition allowed the grieving family to hang in their front window a "Gold Star Banner" signifying that a member of the household had paid the ultimate sacrifice. That tattered memorial is now in the collection of the Salem Museum. Fifteen other homes in Salem would fly that Gold Star before the "War to End All Wars" was ended. 🕊



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